

F-1-201  
Eli Nicodemus Farmstead  
Buckeystown vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1870-1940

The Eli Nicodemus Farmstead centers on a two-story frame dwelling built about 1870 with a stone smokehouse of the same date and several agricultural outbuildings ranging in date from about 1870 to 1940. They include a frame and stone bank barn, a wagon shed/corn crib, a frame equipment shed, a concrete block dairy barn and milk house, and a privy. The farmstead is significant under the architecture theme for the design of the house and the smokehouse. The house, although altered and currently with vinyl siding, has a decorative porch with turned columns and a spindle frieze trim and shingled gables, all of which are features found in the eclectic styles of the 1870's through about 1915. The smokehouse is a good representative of its type, with a hipped roof of wood shingles.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870  
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930  
Modern Period, A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function & Use  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse  
Domestic/secondary structure/other dependencies  
Agriculture/Subsistence/animal facility/barn  
Agriculture/Subsistence/storage/granary

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Eli Nicodemus Farmstead

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number 4020 New Design Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Buckeystown ☒ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

### 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Martin Marietta Corp.

street &amp; number P.O. Box 549 telephone no.:

city, town Carmel state and zip code Iowa 46032

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1458

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 678

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. F-1-201

### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 8

The Eli Nicodemus Farmstead is an originally agricultural complex now primarily a private residence centered on a circa 1870 frame dwelling and its domestic and agricultural outbuildings, which include a stone smokehouse, a frame privy, a frame and stone bank barn, an equipment shed, a wagon shed/corn crib, and a concrete block dairy barn and milk house. The dates of the buildings range from about 1870 to 1940. The farmstead is located on the west side of New Design Road about 1/2 mile south of Elmer Derr Road near Buckeystown, Frederick County, Maryland. The main elevation of the house faces east and the outbuildings are located west and south of the house. Dates for the farmstead were estimated from land records, historical maps, architectural details, and Grove's History of Carrollton Manor (1928).

The dwelling is a two-story frame structure with vinyl siding and a slate roof. The east elevation has three bays with a one-story porch with elaborate turned columns, a spindle frieze, and pendants. The doorway has a rectangular transom and sidelights and the windows are 2/2 with replacement metal shutters. Two brick chimneys rise from the center of the house. The south elevation has a shingled gable above two bays. The eastern bay has a polygonal two-story projection. In the center of the elevation is a doorway with an entry porch. The north elevation also has a shingled gable and two bays. An additional small modern window has been added near the northwest corner. The west elevation is dominated by a large rear win which is almost the width of the main section. Part of the stone foundation at the northwest corner has been replaced by concrete block. Two additional interior chimneys rise from the roof. The western gable is also shingled and two bays with 6/6 windows are on the two floors. The west wall extends to enclose the two-story porch on the south side of the wing. The lower level of the porch has been enclosed with screened windows and a frame, german-sided storage projection is located at the southwest corner of the enclosed porch. The upper level has a plain balustrade. The interior of the house was not accessible for this survey.

### Domestic outbuildings:

**Smokehouse:** The stone smokehouse is located south of the rear wing at the edge of the present paved driveway. It is a square plan building with whitewashed walls and a wood shingle hipped roof, which appears to be a replacement. At the peak of the roof is a ventilation pipe. A basketball backboard is attached to the roof above the doorway on the north elevation. The door is a vertical board type. The smokehouse was probably built about 1870.

**Privy:** The frame privy is a small frame structure located west of the wing. It has tongue-and-groove siding and a corrugated metal shed roof. The privy appears to date from the early 20th century.

### Agricultural outbuildings:

**Bank barn:** The bank barn is a frame and stone structure in fair condition locate south of the domestic buildings at the south edge of a large paved area between the

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1870–1940

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Eli Nicodemus Farmstead is moderately significant for the architecture of the main dwelling and the stone smokehouse. The house and the smokehouse were built about 1870 by Eli Nicodemus (1840–1919) who farmed here until about 1911. His daughters sold the farm in 1917. From 1917 to 1941, it was a tenant farm operated by the Thomas family partnership. The house has been altered over several periods from about the early 20th century to the present, but still retains a decorative front porch and shingled gables, features which were common in the 1870's period of eclectic architectural styles. The stone smokehouse is a good representative of its type, with the original door and a roof which, although probably a replacement of the original, is in the same style.

Eli Nicodemus was the brother of Augustus W. Nicodemus whose own farm (F-1-177) was located within sight of Eli's house to the north. Together the two farms were part of the land purchased by John Nicodemus prior to 1860 and devised to his two sons as adjoining properties. Grove's History of Carrollton Manor (1928) described the farms as two of the best properties on Carrollton Manor. The size and architectural elaboration of the houses, particularly the Augustus Nicodemus House, says that the Nicodemus farms were indeed prosperous.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-1-201

Grove, William J. History of Carrollton Manor. Frederick: Marken & Bielfeld, Inc., 1928; 176.

Land Records of Frederick County

Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5 acres

Quadrangle name Buckeystown, Md.-Va.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 5 acres centered on the dwelling on Tax Map 94, Parcel 4.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date July 1993

street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958

city or town Frederick state MD 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
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### 7.1 Description (Continued)

barn and the equipment shed on the north edge of the agricultural group. The barn has vertical board siding which has been whitewashed, but is weathering. Arched louvred vents are in the gable ends and the south elevation and a non-contributing concrete silo is located next to the ramp on the north elevation. The gable roof is covered with both standing seam and corrugated metal. The barn's form and materials indicate that it is contemporary with the house, about 1870.

Wagon shed/corn crib: The wagon shed is located west of the bank barn and faces east. The drive-through passage is wider than is usually seen in late 19th century buildings, suggesting that it was built in the early 20th century to accommodate larger farm equipment. The siding is vertical tongue-and-groove and the siding on the north and south sides is horizontal. The roof is corrugated metal.

Equipment shed: The long, rectangular equipment shed is located along the north side of the paved apron between the barn and the domestic group. It consists of five doorways with sliding tongue-and-groove doorways across the south elevation and concrete block walls on the east, west, and north sides. The roof is standing seam metal. The date of this building is probably about 1940.

Dairy barn and milk house: The dairy barn and milk house are located east of the bank barn. The barn has rusticated concrete block walls with a gambrel roof which is deteriorated at the east and west gable ends. The barn was extended with plain concrete block on the east end, probably during the 1950's. The milk house stands perpendicularly to the west end of the barn and is a one-story structure with plain concrete block walls and a standing seam metal gable roof. The original section of the barn was probably built prior to 1935 and the extension built in the 1950's. The milk house may date from the 1950's as well, based on its similar materials.

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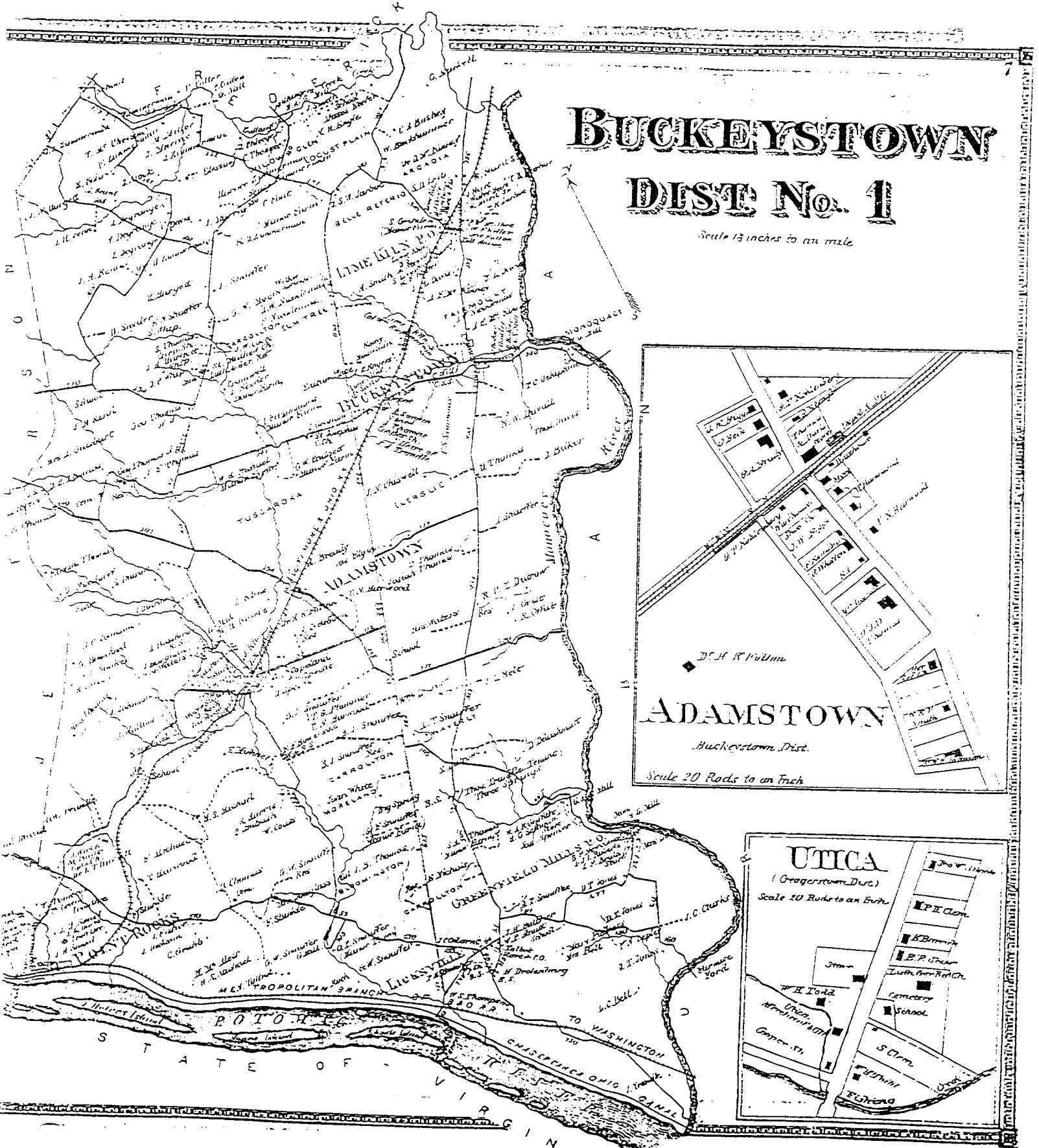
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4020 New Design Rd.

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Other Information, Original Tracts	Cost	Miscellaneous
1458/678 24 Nov 87	Martin Manista Corp.	Clarence O. Flook, Jr. & Deloris Geraldine Flook	201-685 A.	\$707,000	
1111/348 1 Apr 80	Clarence O. Flook Jr. & ux	Mellie C. Page pers. rep. of estate of Joseph W. Page		\$530,000	
768/352 12 Jul 67	Joseph W. Page	Helen F. Mock			
768/350 12 Jul 67	Helen F. Mock	Joseph W. Page et ux	203 A., 1 R., 19 sq. ft.		
462/31 17 Mar 47	Joseph W. Page	Howard C. & Mary P. Davidson	203 A. ...		
430/282 1 Aug 41	Howard C. Davidson	Thomas & Co.			
322/582 31 Jul 17	Thomas & Co.	J. Franklin & Emily V. Thomas	203 A. 59 sq. ft.		
320/591 28 Apr 17	J. Franklin Thomas	Carrie & E. Dora Nicodemus			
320/590 30 Aug 11	Carrie & E. Dora Nicodemus	Eli Nicodemus et ux	202 A., 1 R. 36 ft.	\$14,486.03	
Will Record Carroll County 24 Sept. 1871	Eli Nicodemus	John Nicodemus of Carroll County			

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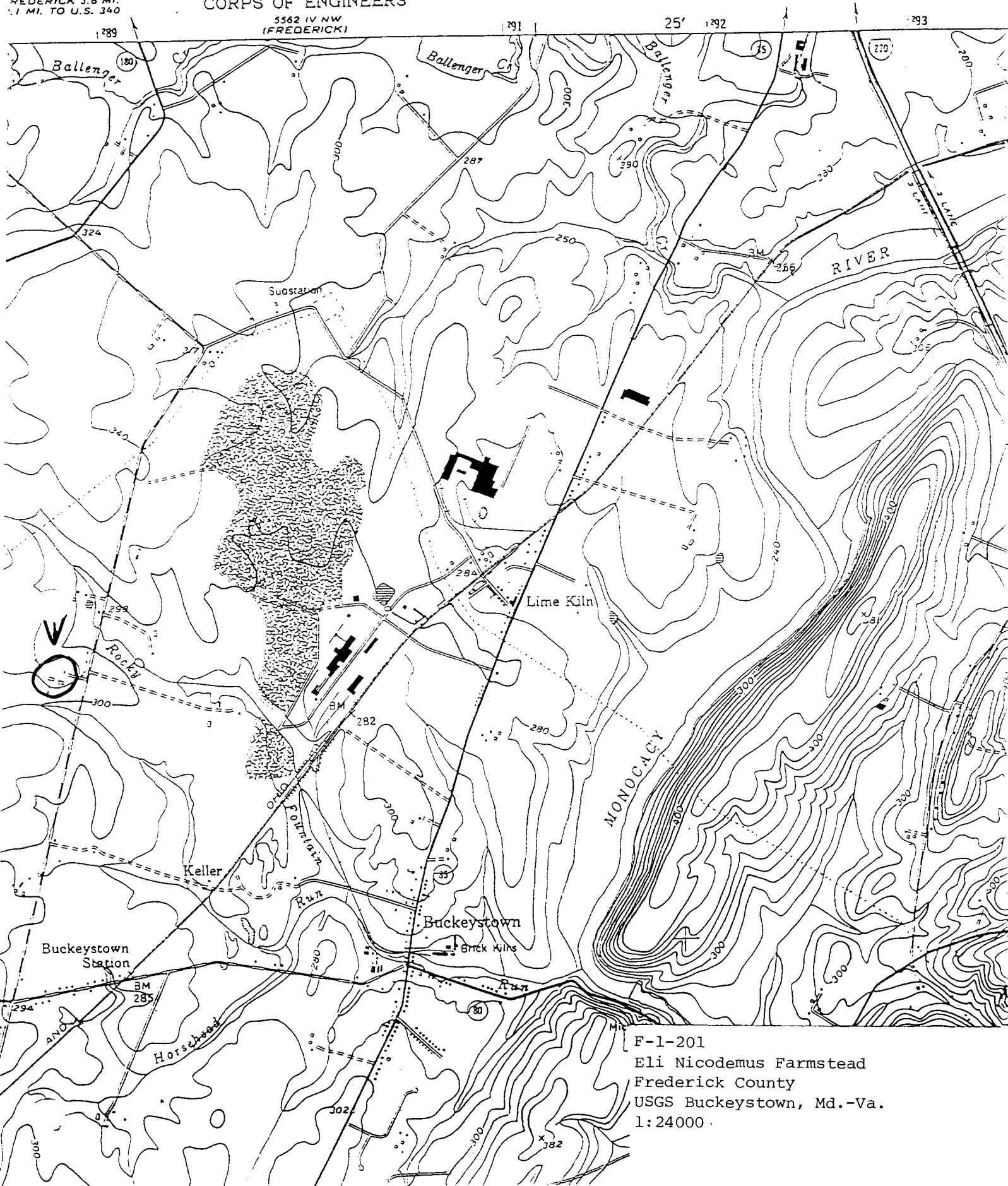
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Neg. loc.: Md. : HPO, Crownsville, Md.

East elevation

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

Southwest corner view

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Smokehouse, north elevation

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crowsville, Md

Equipment sheds, southeast corner view

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

Bank barn & wagon shed/corn cribs, view  
from north

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Annapolis, Md.

Dairy barn, view from northeast

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